

January 17th, 2025

PEACE CONNECTION

Friday January 17th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
10:00 am NEOSW Meeting

Saturday January 18th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 19th
9 & 11 am In Person Worship
10:00 am Christian Education
10:30 am Arden Courts

Monday January 20th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:00 pm Comfort Quilters
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study
7:00 pm Women's Discipleship Group

Tuesday January 21st
1:30 pm Watercolor Class with Mel
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

Wednesday January 22nd
2:00 pm Book & Bible Study with
Pastor Charlie

Thursday January 23rd
Sexton's Day Off
11:00 am FLO Winter Session
3:00 pm Communion Ministry Team
Meeting
3:00 pm Organ Practice
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday January 24th
Pastor Charlie's Day Off
12:30 pm Young at Heart Lunch

Saturday January 25th
2:00 pm Organ Practice

Sunday January 26th
Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 am to
3:30 pm
In Person Worship 9 & 11 am
10:00 am Christian Education
10:00 am New Member Class

Monday January 27th
10:00 am Staff Meeting
2:00 pm Organ Practice
7:00 pm SOAP Bible Study

Tuesday January 28th
6:15 pm CrossFire Rehearsal

*Grow in Faith * Serve In Love *
Live In Peace*



PoP Youth!

Jerry Karp came to create a shadow puppet show to teach the kids about John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus!

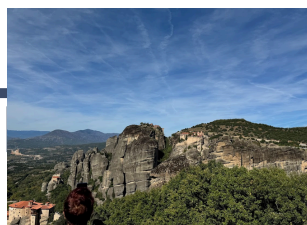


New Member Classes

New member classes January 26 and February 2 at 9 am in the charter room.
Sign Up!
New Members will be recognized on Sunday, February 9 at both services.

Greece Presentation

Come and hear the stories and see the sites from our trip to Greece. We will have two offerings, the first on Wednesday, January 29th from Noon to 2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The second will be a potluck lunch and presentation (bring a dish and/or a salad or dessert to share) at 7 pm - 8:30 pm - Presentation only - in the sanctuary!



SOAP Bible Study 2025

This group uses the SOAP Bible Study method for personal study and group discussion. This method seems fit for those new to Bible Study and for those with decades of Study. Especially if spiritual development is on your heart and mind, we invite you to this study. We meet at 7 PM each Monday, both in-person and live on Zoom.

For regular SOAP news this is the planned schedule for January.

January 20: Genesis chapters 16-17, Psalm 111

January 27: Leviticus 26, Psalm 80

Save the DATE(S)

On February 2nd Susie Asadorian, Chapter President of Sleep in Heavenly Peace Cuyahoga West will be at both services to speak to us about their organization. She, and members of her team, will tell us about this wonderful organization and explain how POP can help them give children in need a wonderful, cozy night's sleep.

During February and March (and possibly ongoing) we will be collecting new childrens' twin bedding sets, pillows and of course funds for this project. This should be a very meaningful Lenten project.

June 7th is the date Prince of Peace is scheduled to go to the SHP's warehouse (Brook Park) to build the beds. This is a project for the WHOLE family! According to Susie "a build should be in the neighborhood of 30-40 people, although a little less or more is fine. Kids are welcome, but only children 12 and up are permitted to use sanders and drills."

If you haven't had a chance to please watch these YouTube links about SHP.

https://youtu.be/7boDpFH_tRc?si=T8lOv1JQ6uAStSj7

<https://youtu.be/KcbLNOQEnUQ?si=4fEkF1BHomBULpfY>

If you have any questions, please call Diane Merhaut.

Women's Discipleship

Women's Discipleship Group is looking for new members to join us. We are a small group of POP women and friends who meet on the 3rd Monday of each month to discuss books and issues concerning faith and Christian living. We will be starting a new book by Max Lucado titled "Grace" on January 20th at 7PM. We meet in the charter room. Contact Gail Pogue at 440-537-2915 if you need a book. They are also available on Amazon for 11.99 hardcover and 11.43 paperback. If you need financial assistance please contact Rusty Blakeslee at 440-823-2886.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Christian Education Soup and Sandwich Luncheon!



**Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign Plus
Status as of January 2, 2025**

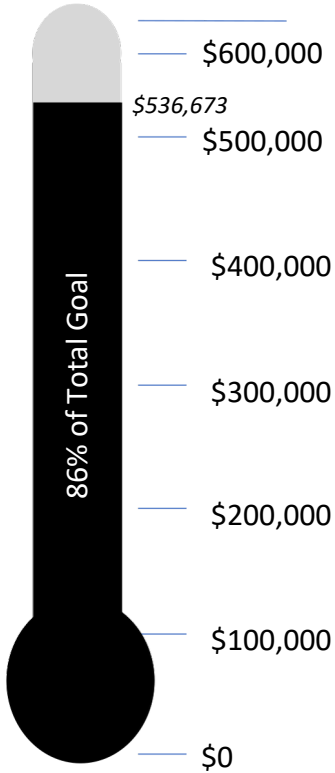
Architect = \$20,000

Construction Cost* = \$533,149

Financing Cost = \$43,000

Other Items * = \$26,040

Total Commitment Status
Goal: \$622,000



ITEM	COMMITMENTS		FUNDS	
	To Date Commitment	Remaining Required	To Date Received	Remaining Required
Construction *	\$490,633	\$43,326	\$348,121	\$185,028
	92%	8%	65%	35%
Financing	\$0	\$43,000	\$0	\$43,000
	0%	100%	0%	100%
Architect	\$20,000	\$0	\$20,000	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Other Items **	\$26,040	\$0	\$26,040	\$0
	100%	0%	100%	0%
Total	\$536,673	\$86,236	\$394,161	\$228,028
	86%	14%	63%	37%

Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

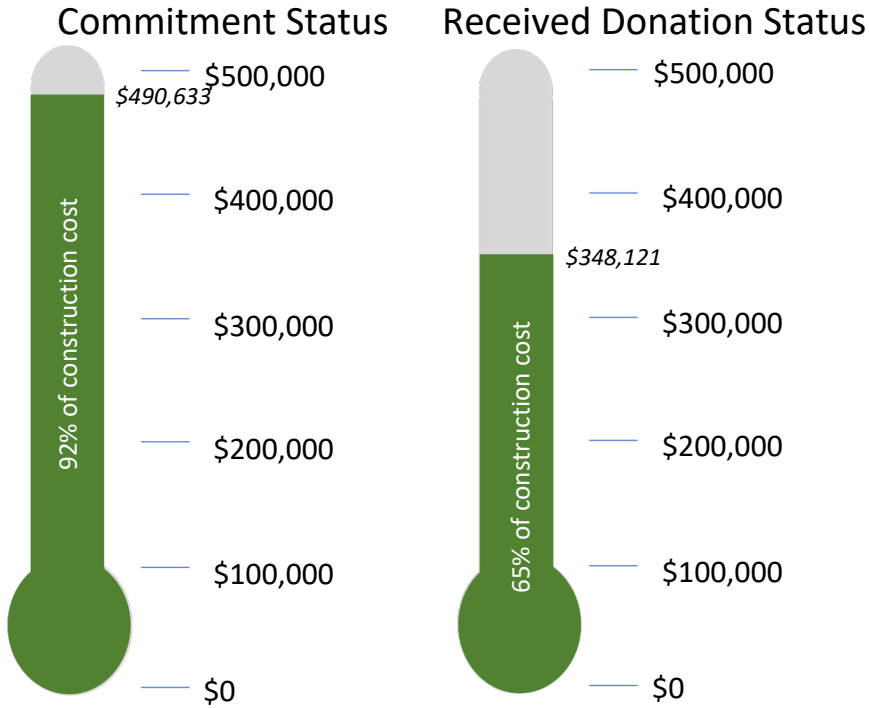
* Includes change orders. ** Other items include \$14,000 for Worship & Music (funding by W&M / Ilene Hardy Memorial Fund), \$8,800 for Benches ("fund a bench"), \$3,240 for Outdoor Altar (funded by Altar Guild). Additional landscaping option being developed and additional funding from base landscaping not included.

Thank you to all who have donated their time, talents, and treasure to the Peace Pavilion in 2024! We are humbled and grateful for your generosity and commitment to the ministry and mission of Prince of Peace. We are happy to report that we have received commitments for 92% of the construction cost and 86% of the total project costs. We have received donations for 65% of the total construction cost through the end of 2024. Our Peace Pavilion will be ready for Spring and we are eagerly planning our dedication worship. In 2025, our focus will be on the utilization of our new facility as well as continuing to raise remaining funds including our financing and landscaping costs. More work to do, but THANK YOU for your contributions to date and consideration in the future.

Peace Pavilion Capital Campaign – Construction Cost Only

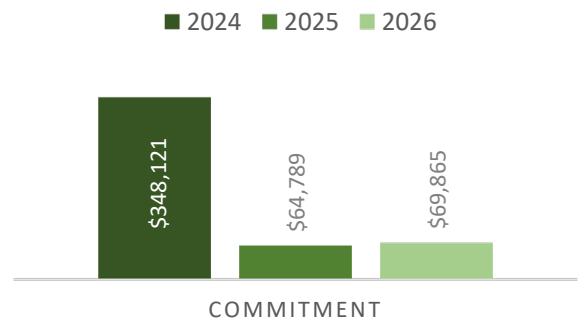
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Donor Level	3 Year Commitment	Number of Pledged Donors
Buckeye	\$50,000+	2
Oak	\$25,000 - \$50,000	5
Maple	\$10,000 - \$25,000	7
Rose	\$5,000 - \$10,000	10
Tulip	\$3,000 - \$5,000	8
Daisy	\$1,000 - \$3,000	25

COMMITMENT BY YEAR



Note: Commitment Status includes "silent" commitments

* Includes change orders.





**FRIDAY MARCH 7TH
GAME STARTS @ 7PM**

Rocket Mortgage Field House

Sign up by January 1st
for a chance to sit on
the bench during
player practice and
meet players!

1-2-3 NIGHT

\$1 Sodas

\$2 Hot Dogs

\$3 LaBatt Blue Beers

ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS WELCOME

SIGN UP SHEET IN FRONT OF CHRISTIAN ED OFFICE

*Get your water bottle activity sticker at the game!





Mark 6:30 – 44

Feeding the Five Thousand

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. 35 When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; 36 send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” 37 But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?” 38 And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.” 39 Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. 41 Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. 42 And all ate and were filled; 43 and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. 44 Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

Mark 8:1-10

Feeding the Four Thousand

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, 2 “I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. 3 If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.” 4 His disciples replied, “How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?” 5 He asked them, “How many loaves do you have?” They said, “Seven.” 6 Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. 7 They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. 8 They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. 10 And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

Two lessons for you today.

In the sixth chapter of Mark, Jesus feeds five thousand. In the eighth chapter of Mark, Jesus feeds four thousand. Two different locations and two different audiences. But the disciples are the same, and so is the Savior of the World! I don't know about you, but I can relate to the disciples. God has done incredible things in my life, and I can look back and see how God has carried me to where I am today. God is an awesome God!

But there are times I find myself facing a new challenge. I doubt. I worry. I wonder where God is in the midst of the darkness and concerns I face.

And there is God, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Look at these two lessons. Just a few days apart in Jesus ministry. The crowds are large and the disciples panic! How are we going to feed all these people? What are we going to do?

Both times, Jesus asks, “How much food we have?” He takes what they have, he blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples to feed the crowd.

You would think the disciples would have learned their lesson after the first feeding miracle.

But Jesus doesn't get upset (now Jesus might have let out a heavy sigh, but that isn't recorded!), he just asks them again — what do we have? Then he commands them to feed the people.

I know there are times we face uncertainty and worry about what will happen next. You might be going through that with the news that never seems to be positive, be it places around the world, in our country and even in our own community.

God is gracious and merciful. God will carry us. God will make a way.

Look back and see how God got us to where we are today.

Trust God to make a way for tomorrow.

A favorite choir anthem of mine is “He Never Failed Me Yet” by Robert Ray.

Here is an awesome recording of that done virtually during COVID a few years ago.

<https://youtu.be/PwfyVjVrMGA>

Trust and never doubt. I know — easier said than done.

It's okay — God's faithfulness is not dependent on level of trust or doubt.

God is faithful. God will make a way. Always has. Always will.

Let us pray. Almighty God, help us to trust and never doubt. But when we do doubt, remind us once again that you have us firmly in your grasp of grace. Thank you for all you have done to bring us to today. May we place our hope and trust in you alone. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen



Sunday, January 19, 2024

Prayer Request - Long Term

(All prayer requests made after Thursday at Noon will be posted the following week)

Patty Doran	Sister-in-law of Chuck Sieving
Dawn Higgins	Neighbor of Fran Molnar
Jayne Kramic	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Angela Missig	Daughter of Gloria Starr
Jenn Pitts	Daughter of Judy Kazak
Lois Reichert	
Pam Rotella	
Bill Sweeny	Friend of Kathy McCollum
Robert Sieving	Brother of Chuck Sieving
Al Tielke	
Chris Sikora	
Kathy and Tim Needham	
Cynthia Flores	
Ron Peckham	
Monica Doptis	Dan and Barb Fronczak's grandchild
Beverly Newman	Friend of Jane and Lowell Dillon

Recent prayer requests received within the past 3 weeks:

January 5	Sue (Cindy Zinram's cousin) Family and friends of Vickie Groenke (Pastor Charlie and Lisa Woodward's friend who recently passed away) Family of Alice (sister of Mryta Holden's friend Jim) Patrice and her family (daughter of Linda Gareau) Family of Mary Lee Fidler (family of Barb & Dan Fronczak)
January 12	Elayna Gros Darell Doossis (Mike Piskunoff's friend)
January 19	Monica Doptis (Barb & Dan Fronczak's grandchild) Ramune Balog Dorner (Diane Merhaut's friend) Angela Missig (Gloria Starr's daughter)

Happy Birthday

11/3 Ashley Alspach
 1/3 Chris Hallowell
 1/3 Noah Katrinczak
 1/5 Jan Filkill
 1/6 James Braun Sr.
 1/7 Jordyn Jagels
 1/8 Mara Lipschutz
 1/10 Audrey Swanson
 1/10 Tony Perez
 1/11 Alex Babinski
 1/12 Isaiah Comnick
 1/13 Jessica Carimi
 1/14 Pierce Gleespen
 1/17 James Lehman
 1/17 Michelle Goggin
 1/19 Emma Andrus

1/19 Don Miler
 1/21 Beth Comnick
 1/21 Marie Witt
 1/23 Jane Wyant
 1/25 Darlene Roman
 1/25 Michael Pietraroia
 1/26 Barb Fronczak
 1/27 Dave Novotny
 1/27 Suzann Creech\
 1/27 Phil Sprague
 1/28 Patty Beard
 1/29 Molly Fortuna
 1/29 Nicholas Hrouda
 1/31 Jim Heimbuch

Date	Online	In Person	Total
01/12/2025	29	137	166
01/05/2025	48	110	158
12/29/2024	25	100	125
12/24/2024	67	296	363

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/3 Jeff & Amy Babinski

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Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 9-3

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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am in person.

Livestream

Christian Education - Sundays 10-10:50 am

Adult supervised child care for children 5 and under is offered for both services and during

the Christian Education hour between services.

Second Harvest

The requested items for January are:

Canned Beef Stew, Beans, Fruits & Vegetables

Giving Data

Operating Giving Report	YTD	AVG/Week
Total Giving as of Nov. 30th, 2024:	\$432,010	\$9,191.70
% of Annual 2024 Budget Received to Date:	89%	
We need to average \$50,000 per month to reach budget! Please give abundantly & cheerfully		
Remaining Giving to Meet 2024 Budget:	\$53,990	\$10,798
Total Expenses incurred through 11/30/24	\$440,164	\$9,365.19
Deficit for 2024 as of 11/30/2024 = \$8,154		



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